

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Restriction Requirement dated March 9, 2004. The Examiner states that two distinct inventions had been identified, as well as a number of patentably distinct species. Election has been requested. Applicants elect Invention I without traverse. The Examiner states that Invention I corresponds to claims 1-40, 54-90, and 103-109. In light of this election, claims 41-53 and 91-102 have been cancelled.

Further, the Examiner states that there are a number of different patentably distinct species, generally corresponding to sets of figures. In particular, the Examiner identifies species as follows: Species 1: Figures 5-7; Species 2: Figures 8-9; Species 3: Figures 10A, 10B, and 11; Species 4: Figures 12-13; Species 5: Figures 14-15; Species 6: Figures 16-17; Species 7: Figures 18-19; and Species 8: Figures 20-21. Applicants hereby elect species 1, corresponding to the embodiments illustrated in Figures 5-7. The elected species corresponds to claims 1-40, 54-68, 70, 72, 81-83, 85-87, and 103-109. Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants have added newly presented claims 110-113. These claims are drawn to the elected invention and species. Claims 110-113 provide another description of the claimed invention, supplementing the claim scope.

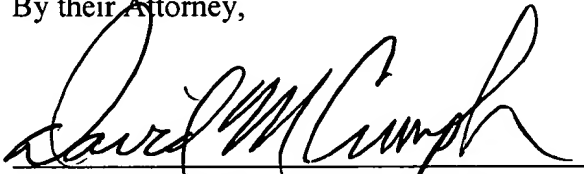
Examination of elected and newly presented claims 1-40, 54-68, 70, 72, 81-83, 85-87, and 103-113 is respectfully requested. In the event a generic claim is found to be allowable, examination of the withdrawn claims, namely claims 69, 71, 73-80, 84, and 88-90, is respectfully requested as well. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

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